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Section II

510(K) Summary

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July 6, 2005

Trade Name:

Flexible Introducer Cannula

Common Name:

Anesthesia Conduction Needle

Product Class/Classification:

Class II - MIA, 21 CFR 868.5150

Predicate Device(s):

Custom Medical Concepts Spinal Cord Access Epidural Introducer System (K904380)

Description:

The Flexible Introducer Cannula consists of a plastic cannula with a molded plastic hub. The device is also packaged with a stainless steel introducer needle which is removed after the device has been placed.

Intended Use:

For the administration of anesthetic agents to provide regional anesthesia.

Comparison to Predicate:

The Flexible Introducer Cannula has similar physical and technical characteristics to the predicate device and a similar intended use to the predicate device.

Conclusion:

The testing performed and comparison to the predicate device demonstrates that the Flexible Introducer Cannula is safe and effective and is substantially equivalent to the predicate device.

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Mr. Christopher Lake
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Re: K051860
Trade/Device Name: Flexible Introducer Cannula, Model 135-1837
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 868.5150
Regulation Name: Anesthesia Conduction Needle
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: MIA
Dated: July 6, 2005
Received: July 12, 2005

Dear Mr. Lake:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.
This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0120. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html.

Sincerely yours,

for Chiu Lin, Ph.D.
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Center for Devices and
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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): K051860

Device Name: Flexible Introducer Cannula

Indications For Use:

The Flexible Introducer Cannula is intended for the epidural placement, directly or through an epidural catheter, of anesthetic agents to elicit regional anesthesia.

Prescription Use ___X___ AND/OR Over-The-Counter Use _____
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D) (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Cardiovascular, Respiratory, General Hospital,
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